



*William*, by the providence of God, Bishop of *Exeter*. To all and singular Archdeacons, Officials, Parsons, Vicars, Curates, Church Wardens, Side-men, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers, And to all Teachers whatsoever within our said Diocese, greeting. Whereas his Maiesty, for the seasoning of all youth in their due Allegiance, hath caused a Booke to bee Compiled and Imprinted, containing the sum of the Oath of Allegiance, Intituled GOD and the KING: Or a Dialogue, shewing that our Soueraigne Lord King *JAMES* being immediate vnder GOD, within his Dominions, doth rightfully clayme whatsoever is required by the Oath of Allegiance. And to the end that the same may bee duely read and exercised within his said Kingdome, hath by his highnesse Letters Patents, bearing date on the thirteenth day of March last past, commanded all Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Officials, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers and Ministers whatsoever: That by publique Act, Edict, Order, or such other waies and meanes as they shall thinke fit, they make knowne his Maiesties royall pleasure to be: And further to take order that every Teacher, as well men as women, teaching eyther in the English or Latine tongues, within their severall Diocesse within the said Kingdome, eyther publikely or priuately, shall take care that every Scholler (according to their capacity) shall and may be taught the saide Booke eyther in English or Latine. And that all such Teachers whatsoever, as shall refuse so to doe, shall by the Bishop of the Diocesse where the said Teacher teacheth, be disabled and prohibited from teaching of Schollers, untill such time as they shall conforme themselves thereunto: And further shall incurre his highnesse displeasure, besides such other punishment, as by the Lawes of this Realme may be inflicted vpon them, for their said contempt of his highnesse royall commandement.

And further by his highnesse said Letters Patents, hath commanded all and every Archbishops, Bishops, Maiors, Bayliffes, Sherriffes, Justices of Peace, Officials, Parsons, Vicars, Curates, Constables, and all other the Magistrates, Officers and Ministers, and all other his Subiects of his said Kingdome: That they and every of them, at all times within their severall Jurisdictions and places, doe further the vniuersall reading and exercise of the said Booke. And that every Parson, Vicar, and Curate, respectively within their saide Parishes, doe take care, and see that every Childe (taught publikely or priuately) be taught the same eyther in the Latine or English tongue, as they may best sort with the Capacitie of such Children. And that they and every of them, be ayding, helping & assisting, in the due performace and execution hereof, with effect, as they tender his Maiesties royall pleasure and commandement herein.

These are therefore in his Maiesties name, straightly to require all Masters of Families, and every Teacher, or Teachers, men or women, priuate or publique, teaching eyther in the English or Latine tongues: That they take such a speciall care, that all, and every their youth, Schollers, severally and respectiue, may forthwith within the space of tenne daies next after monition giuen vnto them, by such as shall be authorized for that purpose, haue, read, exercise, and learne, and bee taught the saide Booke (order being already taken that there shall be a sufficient number of the said Bookes in readinesse, in places conuenient for the buyer.) And that the said Bookes bee sold by such persons, or their Deputies onely, as his Maiesty hath thereto authorized. And that they, nor any of the said Deputies shall presume to take aboue the rate of sixe pence the Booke, neither in Latine nor English, the same being in Octauo, within the said Diocesse. And further that all Persons, Vicars, Curates, Church Wardens and Side-men, doe at their ordinary day of appearance in any Ecclesiasticall Court within our said Diocesse, quarterly present a true note of all their Teachers, men or women within their severall Parishes, with the true number of Schollers as every such Teacher teacheth, that their Schollers may be furnished with Bookes accordingly, Together with the names of all such as shall refuse to conforme themselves thereunto. And also that all and every the said Parsons, Vicars and Curates, Church Wardens and Side-men, bee truly and faithfully ayding, helping and assisting, for the vniuersall dispersing and teaching of all youth whatsoever in the said Booke, being vnder the age of xxi, according to his Maiesties Royall pleasure, and late Proclamation, Dated at Theobals, the viii. of November last. Commanding all his highnesse louing Subiects, to obey such directions, and order, as by my Lords grace of Canterbury, my Lords grace of Yorke, and other the Bishops of this Realme shall be taken therein for the better accomplishment, and due execution hereof, according to his highnesse will and Commandement.

William Exeter.

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